Dewan's reply.—It is the immemorial custom for raiyats to maintain such tanks, we do not say that we will not touch the small tanks. We can only take them when possible and in their turn. Where raiyats do the earthwork, we do the stone work. With regard to the larger tanks and the Rules of 1873, those Rules must be strictly enforced.

Subject No. 215.

Improvement and extension of Hosdurga-Hal Ramesvara road.

Summary of discussion.—The road from Hosdurga to Hal Ramesvara should be improved and extended so as to join the Chitaldroog-Holalkere road near Abnayakanhalli. People dealing in cocoanut from Huliyar and other places go to Bellary by this road. The traffic is heavy.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner says that this work is under execution.

Subject No. 216.

A dam across the Vedavati near Kannagundi.

Summary of discussion.—A dam should be constructed across the Vedavati river near Kannagundi. This was attempted in former times but given up, because the dam breached for some unknown reason. This project will benefit the lands of Kellodu, Gorivigondanahalli, Bhairapura and Goravankallu, and the Government will get a revenue of about Rs. 2,000.

Dewan's reply.—Will be investigated in the P. W. D.

Subject No. 217.

Increase to Muzrai allowances.

Summary of discussion.—Muzrai Institutions in the Province have been receiving the same small allowances from time immemorial without any increase. There has been an increase of Revenue from all sources, and the expenditure has also been increased in all Departments, except the Muzrai. The allowances to Muzrai Institutions should therefore also be increased now.

Dewan's reply.—We can't afford to do this.

Subject No. 218.

(a) Revenue Commissioner.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*). According to the Revenue Code now in force, a Revenue Commissioner should be appointed and his duties and powers defined.

(b) Separation of Police and Magisterial functions.

(*b*). The Police should be separated from the Magistracy. The pay of the Police Constables and Dafadars should be increased.

(c) System of Honorary Magistrates.

(*c*). Honorary Magistrates should be appointed in Taluks and Districts, men of ability and respectability being selected for the purpose.

(d) Abolition of Sub-Taluks.

(*d*). All existing Sub-Taluks should be constituted into Taluks, the pay of Amildars being properly arranged. There should be a 125 rupees grade among Amildars. The Malnad allowance seems to be an unnecessary one and should be discontinued.